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Application No.:09/681,986 Docket No.: NAUP0377USA

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Title: Method of avoiding dielectric layer deterioration

with a low dielectric constant during a stripping

process

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. BOX 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subject: Petition to withdraw holding of abandonment

Appendices including cited documents are attached following page 5 of this paper.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The following is a petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the above-identified application, 30 as per MPEP 711.03(c)(II).

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On 12/31/2003, the USPTO's PAIR system was utilized to perform a check of the above-identified application. The PAIR system indicated that the present application had become abandoned on 03/28/2003 for failure to pay the issue fee in response to a Notice of Allowance mailed on 11/20/2002. However, a search of the file jacket and docket records attests to the fact that the appropriate permissions and instructions to deduct the issue fee from the applicant's account was sent to the USPTO in a timely response to the Notice of Allowance. Attached to this petition is a copy of the relevant Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) sent to the USPTO on 01/29/2003 (Appendix A).

15 A copy of the Notice of Allowability (Part of Paper No.3) included with the Notice of Allowance is attached to this petition as Appendix B. It is noted that in the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has marked the box indicating that new drawings including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) were to be submitted and that the relevant PTO-948 sheet was attached to Paper No.3. However, in the list of Attachments to said Notice of Allowability, the box corresponding to a PTO-948 sheet has not been checked and a copy of said PTO-948 sheet was not included with either said Notice of Allowability or said Notice of Allowance.

Because the PTO-948 sheet was not included with the Notice of Allowability, it was impossible for the applicant to determine what, if any, changes to the drawings were required by the Draftsperson. In an effort to fully cooperate with the

Examiner, a telephone interview was conducted with the Examiner on 01/23/2003 to ascertain what changes to the drawings were required and to request a copy of said PTO-948 sheet be sent to the Applicant. The Examiner responded that a formal request for the PTO-948 sheet must be submitted.

Therefore, a formal request for the said PTO-948 sheet was sent to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents at the USPTO on 01/29/2003. Included in the formal request was a request that the period for reply to the Notice of Allowance be reset accordingly as a critical piece of information was lacking in the originally sent Notice of Allowability (Paper No.3). A copy of said request is attached to this petition as Appendix C.

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The Applicant has received no response of any kind to the formal request for the alleged missing PTO-948 sheet. Moreover, a Notice of Abandonment for this application was never received.

Please see the attached copy of the file docket for the present application (Appendix D). The line with the encircled "1" indicates the Notice of Allowance was received by the Applicant on 12/02/2002. The line with the encircled "2" recognizes the request by the Examiner for new formal drawings.

The line with the encircled "3" documents the telephone interview on 01/23/2003 with the Examiner concerning said PTO-948 sheet. The line with the encircled "4" shows that the formal request for the alleged missing PTO-948 sheet was sent to the USPTO on 01/29/2003. The line with the encircled "5" documents that instructions and authorization for payment of the issue fee were also sent to the USPTO on 01/29/2003. The

line with the encircled "6" shows the Applicant's discovery of abandonment on the USPTO's PAIR system on 12/31/2003 and the need for this petition. Clearly, there were no intervening papers from the USPTO from 01/29/2003 to 12/31/2003, and hence the Applicant never received said PTO-948 sheet.

It is noted that the USPTO's PAIR system page for the present application (Appendix E) does not specifically show either the receipt of the issue fee or the formal request for said PTO-948 sheet. However, item numbers 18 and 19 of the same USPTO's PAIR system page do show that two "Miscellaneous Incoming Letter"s were received by the USPTO on 01/29/2003, the same date that the applicant sent the issue fee and request for said PTO-948 sheet. It is unclear to the Applicant exactly what a "Miscellaneous Incoming Letter" indicates. However, it is suggested that the two "Miscellaneous Incoming Letter"s further confirm that the issue fee and the request for said PTO-948 sheet were received by the USPTO and that the Applicant was unavoidably unable to properly respond to the Notice of Allowance because said PTO-948 sheet was never received.

Due to the above, and with regards to MPEP 711.03(c)(II), the Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment of the present application be withdrawn. Further, the Applicant politely requests that a copy of said PTO-948 sheet be sent to the Applicant and that the period for reply to the Notice of Allowance be reset accordingly so that a proper response may be provided.

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Attachments: Appendix A Issue Fee

Appendix B Notice of Allowability

Appendix C Request for PTO-948 sheet

Appendix D File Docket

Appendix E USPTO PAIR system page

Appendix A

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. 09/681,986 **Application Number** TRANSMITTAL 07/03/2001 Filing Date Ting-Chang Chang **FORM First Named Inventor** 1765 (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) Group Art Unit Powell, William A. Examiner Name NAUP0377USA Total Number of Pages in This Submission Attorney Docket Number **ENCLOSURES** (check all that apply) Assignment Papers (for an Application) After Allowance Communication Fee Transmittal Form Appeal Communication to Board Fee Attached Drawing(s) of Appeals and interferences Licensing-related Papers Appeal Communication to Group Amendment / Reply (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Bnef) After Final Proprietary Information Petition to Convert to a Affidavits/declaration(s) Provisional Application Status Letter Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please Extension of Time Request identify below): Terminal Disclaimer Missing parts in Notice of Allowability **Express Abandonment Request** Request for Refund dated 11/20/2002 Information Disclosure Statement CD, Number of CD(s) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Remarks Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm WINSTON HSU Individual name Signature. Date CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: Typed or printed name Signature Date

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Appendix B

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On January 23, 2003, a telephone interview was held with the Examiner requesting information about the missing PTO-948 so as to be able to respond with the appropriate corrected drawings. The Examiner responded that a formal request for the PTO-948 sheet must be submitted.

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